

House Resolution 1670

By: Representatives Rogers of the 26th, Mills of the 25th, Collins of the 27th, and Benton of the 31st

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Abbott Swift Hayes; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Mr. Abbott Swift Hayes on May 11, 2008; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Hayes was born on March 23, 1941, in Atlanta, Georgia, a beloved son of
5 the late Reverend Zach and Sara Hayes; and

6 WHEREAS, after graduating from Gainesville High School, he attended Young Harris
7 College; and

8 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
9 States Air Force, valiantly and courageously protecting democracy and his fellow Americans;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, with his optimistic outlook he uplifted everyone he met with his humor and
12 positive attitude; and

13 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Hayes was a lifelong member of
14 Gainesville First United Methodist Church, where his father had served as senior minister;
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16 WHEREAS, he was committed to challenging the future leaders of this state and nation as
17 a volunteer baseball coach with Hall County Boys Club senior little leagues and assistant
18 coach for the Gainesville Travelers' Summer team and a devoted supporter of the athletic
19 programs at Gainesville High School and the University of Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, his memory will be cherished by his loving family and many friends, including
21 his children, Abb and Heather Hayes and Justin and Layne Hayes; his five grandchildren,

22 Sara, Andy, Hood, Jack, and Grace; and his brother and sisters-in-law, Nath and Joyce Hayes
23 and Angeline Hayes; and

24 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
25 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
26 family and friends were admired by others; and

27 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
28 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
29 made this world a better place in which to live; and

30 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Hayes will long be remembered for his
31 love of laughter, family, and friendship, and this loyal brother, father, grandfather, and friend
32 will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Abbott Swift Hayes
35 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Abbott
38 Swift Hayes.